

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 24, 2003

**FROM: JAMES A. FELTEN, Public Health Programs Administrator
Department of Public Health**

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SAN
BERNARDINO VALLEY, INC. TO PROVIDE SPAY AND NEUTER SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 01-1137 with Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley, Inc., to provide spay/neuter services from a mobile clinic in the amount of \$30,000, to extend the period through June 30, 2004, and increase the total amount from \$60,000 to \$90,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Approval of this contract amendment with the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley, Inc. will extend the contract term twelve months through June 30, 2004 and increase funding by \$30,000 to allow the contractor to continue providing spay and neuter services from a mobile clinic in the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino.

On June 26, 2001, the Board of Supervisors addressed the problem of pet over-population through a Board Budget Policy Item, for \$180,000 of which \$150,000 was used for the Department of Public Health's general spay/neuter voucher program to provide subsidies to low-income residents through the Spay and Neutering is Pet Positive (SNIPP) and Pet Over Population Control (POPCO) Programs. The remaining \$30,000 was allocated for spay/neuter services to be provided from a mobile clinic in the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County.

On October 30, 2001, the Board approved sole source Contract 01-1137 with San Bernardino Valley Humane Society, Inc., in the amount of \$30,000 to provide a mobile spay/neuter clinic from October 30, 2001 through June 30, 2002. The contract allowed two one-year renewal options. The first one-year amendment was approved June 25, 2002, extending the term through June 30, 2003.

The mobile clinic is staffed with a veterinarian, a certified veterinary technician, and a driver to provide sterilization of cats and dogs. The Society has the only fully equipped mobile clinic available to serve communities within the County, and has well established community linkages within San Bernardino County

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Under Contract 01-1137, the Society sets up and provides spay/neuter services from the mobile clinic at selected locations in the unincorporated areas of the County. The County pays \$600 for each seven-hour day of service at each site. During the months of May 2002 through March 2003, the Humane Society spent forty-five days in San Bernardino County and spayed/neutered 572 animals in the unincorporated areas of the County determined to be areas with the highest need for these services, including, but not limited to, Muscoy, Bloomington, Big Bear City, Crestline, and Valley of Enchantment.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by HSS Contracts, (Lori Ciabattini, Administrative Supervisor) on May 30, 2003; County Counsel, (Scott Runyan, Deputy County Counsel) on June 5, 2003; and County Administrative Office, Beatriz Valdez, Administrative Analyst, on June 16, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The cost (\$30,000) of this contract is included in the department's FY 2002/2003 total local cost allocation of \$654,320. Approval of this Amendment will impose no additional local cost to the County during fiscal year 2003/2004. The department's fiscal year 2003/2004 proposed budget local cost allocation includes \$180,000 for the spay/neuter program, including \$30,000 for the mobile clinic.

Cost Reduction Review: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this item and recommends approval, as local funding is included in DPH's FY 2003/2004 proposed budget.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: Two, Three and Five

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